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SUBJECT: Update on PKK Violence (April 16-23, 2008)

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¶1. (SBU) This is another in a series of weekly reports on PKK-related violence in Turkey. Our primary source is the Turkish General Staff (TGS) website, which documents contacts and clashes with the PKK, as well as casualties incurred.

¶2. (U) During the April 16-23, 2008 reporting period, six security officials died, including two in clashes with the PKK and four explosions of improvised explosive devices (IEDs). Another 11 were injured, including seven in clashes and four in IED detonations. The total number of security force casualties for the year through April 23, 2008 was 30 killed and 39 injured.

¶3. (U) During the same period, six PKK terrorists were killed and one was captured. According to official TGS website figures, through the third week of April, the number of PKK militants killed this year was 313, the number of those captured was 84, and the number of those who surrendered was 49.

¶4. (U) Three civilians were injured April 17 when one of the group stepped on a landmine in Yuksekova, Hakkari Province. The total number of civilian casualties for the year through the end of the third week of April is now 11 killed, with another 52 wounded.

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